

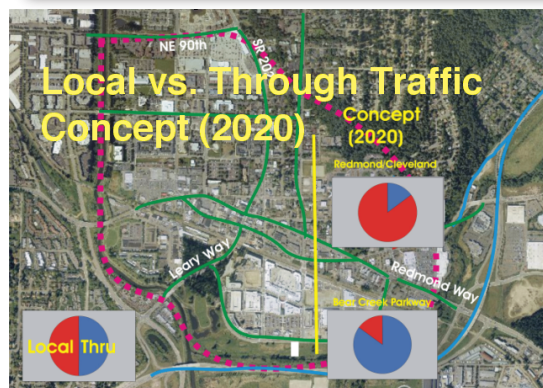
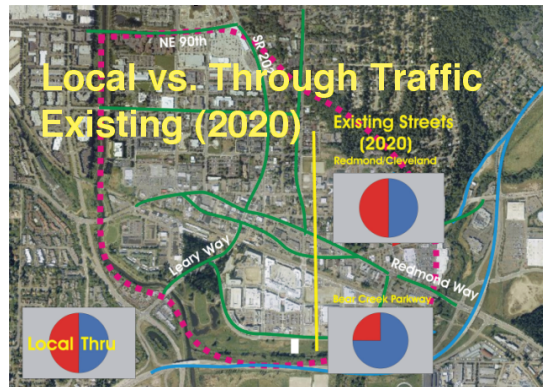
The Traffic Story

The refined concept was tested to answer basic questions about how it would handle future traffic. Questions asked by the community at the first workshop included: Does the concept work? Does the concept relieve congestion? How will I get through downtown? What happens to downtown streets? Will there be more parking? Detailed traffic analysis compared the concept with a “do nothing” option. The “do nothing” option consisted of looking at future traffic volumes but keeping the street system as it is today. The analysis results were discussed with Council at a study session leading up to the second workshop.

Does the concept work? Yes. Traffic is still able to move through downtown, albeit at higher levels of congestion than today.

Does the concept relieve congestion? No. Traffic doubles over twenty years, but the plan provides new options. The downtown will be a destination rather than a place to get through. The concept supports the Council’s vision for the downtown.

-30%
30% overall lower delay when compared to the “do nothing” option



Local traffic on local streets